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Serial No: 10/727,740 Examiner: Tran, K.
Filed: 12/04/2003 Art Unit: 3651
Customer No.: 23494 Conf. No.: 7173

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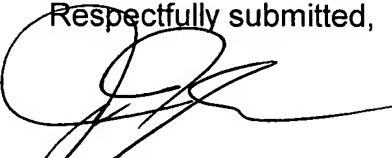
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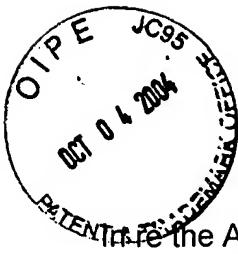
In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated 09/15/2004,
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the review of the above subject patent application, please make the following amendments:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 3 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings**.

The **Remarks** begin on page 5.